



The Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Design Data Systems

File: B-225718.2

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DIGEST

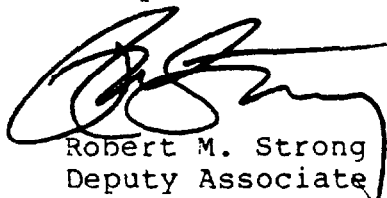
An agency may consider a proposal that is received after the date required in the solicitation only if one of the exceptions to the rule against considering late proposals applies. These exceptions do not contemplate the submission of an offer after the field of competition has been defined as of the specified date.

DECISION

Design Data Systems (DDS) protests that the General Services Administration will not permit the firm to submit a late offer to renew DDS' inclusion on the agency's Automatic Data Processing Multiple Award Schedule Contract. DDS says it was unable to submit an offer by the November 19, 1986, due date because the solicitation was mishandled within the company.

An agency may consider a proposal that is received after the date required in the solicitation only if one of the exceptions to the rule against considering late proposals applies. ComPath Business Telephone Systems, B-213575, May 22, 1984, 84-1 C.P.D. ¶ 543. These exceptions do not contemplate the submission of an offer after the field of competition has been defined as of the specified date. See Federal Acquisition Regulation, 48 C.F.R. § 52.215-10 (1986); Harris Corp., PRD Electronics Division, B-209154, Oct. 13, 1982, 82-2 C.P.D. ¶ 332. The stated rule applies to GSA's multiple award schedule contracting. See Instrumentation Laboratory, Inc., B-213921, Jan. 19, 1984, 84-1 C.P.D. ¶ 86.

The protest is dismissed.


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